

### Servant Held For Arson in \$100,000 Fire

Triple Blaze in Home of Miss Agnes Carpenter, in East Fifty-seventh St., Declared Incendiary

### \$190 Missing From Safe

Police Seek to Link Second Butler With a Similar Event at Bar Harbor

Frederick J. Smith, assistant butler to Miss Agnes Miles Carpenter, in whose home at 54 East Fifty-seventh Street a fire, believed to be incendiary, caused more than \$100,000 damage early yesterday, was arrested last night after an investigation into causes of the fire had been made by Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy. Smith was locked up in the East Fifty-first Street police station charged with arson. The house was blazing in three places when the fire was discovered. Smith said, according to the police, that the first knowledge he had of any unusual condition was when he heard one of the downstairs bells ringing violently. He rushed down the stairway leading to the butler's pantry, he said, and discovered smoke. On investigation the fire was found; one in the safe adjoining the pantry, in which silverware was kept, another in the dining room and another on the stairway. Smith declared that after a celebration in the servants' hall, one of the maids employed by Miss Carpenter having been married there during the evening, he went for a walk and, returning soon after midnight, went to his room. He remained there, he said, until the bell began ringing.

Examination of Smith's room revealed the fact that his bed had not been slept in. Marshal Brophy pointed out that at the time when Smith claimed to have run down the rear stairway it was on fire. He had made no mention of this fact. When placed under arrest Smith said he was being made the victim of unwarranted suspicions and that he would be able to prove an alibi if forced to do so. According to the police Adams, the head butler employed by Miss Carpenter, was besought by Smith to open the silver safe shortly before 8 o'clock Thursday evening, in order that he might get silver for the wedding breakfast being served in the servants' hall to friends of the bride. Adams consented, and told Smith to be sure he locked the safe securely and returned the key, as there was an envelope in the safe containing \$100. Detectives say the envelope in which the money had been contained was found empty and charred after the fire had been extinguished.

The police charge that Miss Carpenter's summer home at Bar Harbor caught fire last October, and on the occasion \$400 belonging to the chauffeur was stolen during the excitement. It was pointed out that Smith had been acting as butler in the Bar Harbor house at that time.

The most serious damage to the Carpenter home was to tapestries in the dining room, which were destroyed. The value of these tapestries alone is said by the police to exceed \$25,000. Miss Carpenter is a daughter of the late Mrs. Miles H. Carpenter.

### Seven Injured in Fire Ousting 100 Families

Spectacular Rescues Attend an Early Morning Blaze in East 43d Street Tenement

A three-alarm fire in a five-story tenement, at 133 East Forty-third Street, early yesterday morning drove nearly a hundred families from the building and adjoining structures. Seven persons received minor injuries and a number of spectacular rescues were made. The damage was estimated at \$30,000.

George Martin, chauffeur to Deputy Fire Chief George Ross, and Hugh McGrogan, chauffeur to Battalion Chief Luke Flannagan, leaning from windows on the opposite sides of an alleyway swung Mrs. Harry Cargan



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from the burning building to safety in the adjoining structure. The two firemen then repeated the stunt with the woman's husband, Harry Cargan, who they report, weighs all of 200 pounds. Two firemen of Hook and Ladder Company 24 held Martin by the feet while the rescue was being effected. With the arrival of the first fire apparatus four aerial ladders were raised and many of the tenants were carried from window ledges of the burning tenement to safety. Dr. Abraham P. Balter, a dentist, tossed his baby daughter from a second floor window into the arms of Lieutenant Robert Jackson, who was standing on a 35-foot ladder.

### Federal and State Mediators Act to End Packers' Riots

Four Sent Into Chicago Stockyards to Try to Restore Order and Fix Settlement of the Strike

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press).—Federal and state authorities combined to-day to stop violence in connection with the stockyards strike.

Four mediators—two from the United States Department of Labor and two representing the Illinois Industrial Commission—were sent into the stockyard's district to try to restore order and bring the strikers and packers to deliberations.

"We hope rioting and other disorders will cease when it is known that both the Federal and state governments have sent representatives into the yards in an effort to restore peace and order," said Ernest Withall, chairman of the state commission.

Official recognition of conditions, Mr. Withall said, should bring an end to the clashes between strike sympathizers and workers, and police, when the Federal and state agents got among the strikers. Oscar F. Nelson and R. M. Marshman, United States Commissioners of Conciliation with representatives of the state, carried the government plans for truce into the yards.

"This move is better than troops," Chairman Withall said. There was virtually no disorder in any of the packing centers during the day. In Chicago, where there was bloodshed yesterday and the day before, there were only minor disturbances. Two women attacked a policeman with clubs and there were a few street fights. To prevent further disorder union officials today issued orders that the strikers were to keep out of the local stock yards unless especially sent there by their leaders.

At Kansas City about 3,000 strikers paraded to-day, while at Omaha a packing company in a letter to its employees urged them to organize with their employers "on a fifty-fifty basis."

The ranks of the strikers were increased here during the day by several hundred men from other unions, and reports were that arrangements were being made for a general strike in the yards, to begin within a few days.

### Life of Witness Threatened

Tells Court Fear Led Him to Testify Falsely

Samuel Cuskiowitz, owner of a stationery and cigar store at 842 Greenwich Street, went before Judge Otto Rosalesky in General Sessions and told him that he had been led to testify falsely in the trial of a man charged with robbery because his life had been threatened. He said threats still were being made against him because he had identified one of the defendants in connection with the robbery, and five J. W. Moore, Democrat, of Vir-

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## A New England Murder Is Agitating Fifteen Nations

"Save Sacco and Vanzetti" Most of the countries of Europe and South America, even Mexico, it is said, are better acquainted with this slogan than is America, where it originated. Within a few weeks a Massachusetts court will decide whether the two Italians convicted of murder shall have a new trial, and in the meantime bomb outrages, boycotts of American goods, and general strikes throughout the world will emphasize the international Communist conviction that the men are being railroaded to death, not because of what they did, but because of what they thought.

Thus far, bombs have been sent to the American Ambassador in Paris and to the American Consul-General in Lisbon. American representatives in Havana, Peru, Buenos Aires, and Juarez, Mexico, have been warned that their own deaths will follow the execution of the two Italian Communists. American goods are boycotted in several places in South America; demonstrations have been held in front of the American Embassy in Brussels; 5,000 Parisian police were mobilized in Paris following the receipt of a bomb and some fifty threatening letters by Ambassador Herrick; many men and women who had gathered in Rome to protest against the "American judicial murder" were injured, and more than 100 arrested, in a conflict with the police.

What is the basis of this international protest, which started with "three men in a dim-lit, scantily furnished office in Boston?" There is a comprehensive article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, graphically illustrated, which presents the history of this conventional murder case which has disturbed many governments. All the opinions upon the case are presented, and, all in all, it represents one of the strangest instances of the far-reaching influences of propaganda that the present generation has witnessed.

Other striking news-articles in THE DIGEST for December 10th, are:

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